

Operation Encompass

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that will run in partnership with Humberside Police and the Early Help and Safeguarding Hub (EHaSH). The project has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school but which might have an impact on a child attending school the following day.

Domestic abuse impacts on children in a number of ways. Children are at increased risk of physical injury during an incident, either by accident or because they attempt to intervene. Even when not directly injured, children are greatly distressed by witnessing the physical and emotional suffering of a parent. Operation Encompass has been created to address this situation. It is the implementation of key partnership working between the police and schools. The aim of sharing information with local schools is to allow 'Key Adults' the opportunity of engaging with the child and to provide access to support that allows them to remain in a safe but secure familiar environment.

Following the report of an incident of domestic abuse, by 9.00am on the next school day the school's Key Adult will be informed that the child or young person has been involved in a domestic incident. This knowledge, given to schools through Operation Encompass, allows the provision of immediate early intervention through silent or overt support. The purpose and procedures in Operation Encompass have been shared with all parents and governors, are detailed as part of the school's Safeguarding Policy and published on our school website.

A nominated member of school staff, known as a Key Adult, will be trained to liaise with the police. At Brandesburton Primary School our Key Adult is the Headteacher, Mrs J Ledingham.

Mrs Ledingham will be able to use information that has been shared with her in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to support children and their families.

We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe that Operation Encompass is going to be beneficial and supportive for all concerned children and families.